

Remarks

Claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 18-22 have been added.

None of the prior art references discloses:

...at least some of said light emitting semiconductor modules emitting light in a direction that is generally orthogonal to said light transport device longitudinal axis,

a reflective light collecting device which collects light emitted by said light emitting semiconductor modules traveling generally orthogonal to said light transport device longitudinal axis and reflects it in a new direction as an unfocused light beam traveling generally in the direction of said light transport device longitudinal axis so that it may strike a focusing lens... (claim 18)

Nor do any of the prior art references disclose:

...at least one of said light emitting semiconductor devices emitting light in a direction that is generally orthogonal to said light transport device longitudinal axis,

a light reflector which reflects light emitted generally orthogonal to said light transport device longitudinal axis and reflects it onto a focusing lens... (claim 22)

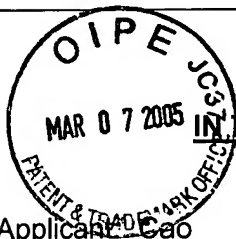
Therefore the pending claims are both novel and nonobvious in light of the prior art. Reconsideration is requested.

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